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Wilson Will Arm Ships If He Has Authority

NEUTRALS RESPONSIBLE FOR LOSSES SUSTAINED

Austria's Reply to the Washington Note Asking Its Position on the German Submarine War Is a Straddle—Claims to Be in Accord With American Government, But Also Says Neutrals Responsible for Losses By Entering Submarine zone.

London, March 6.—American Ambassador Penfield at Vienna has been handed the Austrian reply to unrestricted submarine warfare, according to a Reuter dispatch. It says neutrals are responsible for losses they suffer by entering the submarine zone. After saying the Austro-Hungarian government is "essentially in accord with the American government" with reference to endangering of neutral lives, the reply asserts the principle that neutrals should enjoy in war times freedom of the seas refers only to neutral vessels and not to neutral persons aboard enemy vessels.

French Held Positions.

Paris, March 5.—The Germans failed to drive the French from the trenches the French captured yesterday. It is officially announced.

British Attack Failed.

Berlin, March 6.—The British attack on the German lines east of Bouchavans, on the Somme front, last night, was repulsed it is officially announced.

STEPHENVILLE NOT OPPOSED TO BIZZELL

Stephenville, Texas, March 6.—In view of the many reports in the papers concerning the presidency of the new institution of the state the following telegram was Monday sent to Governor James E. Ferguson:

"Certain statements have been made or quoted in the papers which seem to indicate that Stephenville and the constituents of John Tarlton College oppose Dr. Bizzell as president of the John Tarlton Agricultural College. We wish to assure you that there is not only no objection here on the part of any individual to Dr. Bizzell, but there is profound rejoicing throughout this section by absolutely everyone because Dr. Bizzell is the head of this institution.

(Signed) John Cage, J. J. Bennett, G. O. Scherr, J. M. Cox, W. H. Frey, Charles Neblett, C. G. Blakeney, central committee."

TWO MORE PLOTTERS UNDER ARREST

A Hindoo Physician and German Arrested in New York on Charge of Conspiracy.

(By Associated Press.) New York, March 6.—Dr. C. Hanador Chaklberty, a Hindoo physician, and Dr. Ernst Skunner, an alleged German, have been arrested on charges of conspiring to set up a military expedition against a foreign country on friendly relations with the United States. The police say they confessed they plotted under the direction of Wolf von Engel to invade India with the assistance of China.

BRITISH WON OUT IN APPAM CASE

Appam Violated American Neutrality and Ship and Cargo Given to the British Claimants.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, March 6.—The British claimants of the German prize ship Appam at Newport News won the suit in the supreme court to get possession of the vessel and cargo. The court held the British owners were entitled to restitution because the Appam violated American neutrality.

LEGGETT TO TAKE FUNSTON'S PLACE

(By Associated Press.) Washington, March 6.—President Wilson today nominated Brigadier General Hunter Liggett, a major general to succeed General Frederick Funston. Colonel Francis J. Kernan of the Twenty-eighth infantry was advanced to brigadier general.

GERMAN DYNAMITER LOST HIS CASE

(By Associated Press.) Washington, March 6.—Werner Horn, the German reservist, who dynamited the international bridge at Vanceboro, Maine, in 1915, lost his habeas corpus suit in the supreme court today, in which he sought to avoid trial at Boston for alleged transportation of explosives on passenger trains. The court dismissed Horn's appeal that his German army commission exempted him from American prosecution.

N. Y. COMPENSATION ACT WAS UPHELD

(By Associated Press.) Washington, March 6.—The supreme court today upheld the New York workmen's compensation law as generally constitutional and those of Iowa and the state of Washington as constitutional.

PASSENGER VESSEL ARRIVED SAFELY

Cunard Liner, With Eight Americans Listed as Passengers, Arrived Safely in Liverpool.

(By Associated Press.) New York, March 6.—The Cunard liner Orduna, which left here February 25th for Liverpool, arrived safely, cable advices say. The Orduna carried 110 passengers, including eight Americans.

ITALIAN BARRACKS AMID MOUNTAIN CRABS



The Italian army engineers are constantly constructing interesting little barracks such as this one, perched on the crags of the mountains, where most of the fighting between the Italians and the Austrians has taken place.

BIG INCREASE IN TEXAS SCHOLASTICS

Superintendent Doughty Estimates Increase at 100,000, Due to Compulsory School Law.

(By Associated Press.) Austin, Texas, March 6.—It is estimated by Prof. W. F. Doughty, state superintendent of public instruction, that the increase in the number of scholastics in Texas will reach approximately 100,000. The total number of scholastics in the state at present is 1,223,346 and the normal increase annually is about 60,000. Yet the compulsory school attendance law and the amendment to the law which extended from 16 to 17 years the scholastic age are expected to run the number up to 100,000.

AGE LIMIT ON LAUNDRY WORKERS

In Cities of Over 15,000 Boys Under 15 Cannot Work in Laundries or Places of Amusement.

(By Associated Press.) Austin, Texas, March 6.—All boys 15 years of age and under are prevented from working in laundries, workshops, theaters and other places of amusement, and from employment by messenger services in cities of over 15,000, under the provisions of the child labor law recently passed by both houses of the legislature and now in the hands of the governor for approval.

Senator Westbrook, author of the measure, says moving picture shows are included under the head of "theaters and other places of amusement." Several other members, however, say it was the intention to exclude them from the prohibitive list. Mercantile establishments and telegraph offices are excluded.

INSPECTED OIL STATIONS.

T. F. Baker, chief inspector for the state fire insurance board, was in the city today to make an inspection of the local stations of the different oil companies that do business in the city. His report as to the fire hazards and general conditions will be submitted to the city officials at a later date.

CONVENTION OPENS AT EL PASO, TEX.

Annual Convention of Panhandle and Southwestern Stockmen's Association to Last Three Days.

(By Associated Press.) El Paso, Texas, March 6.—Breeder, feeder, packers and handlers of meat are among those who arrived here today for the opening of the annual convention of the Panhandle and Southwestern Stockmen's Association. The convention will last three days.

Upwards of ten thousand invitations were sent out several weeks ago to men and women interested in various branches of the cattle industry. Those in charge of the convention predict the attendance will be the largest in the history of the organization.

PRISON CONDITIONS BEING IMPROVED

Majority of Convicts Are Taking Great Interest in Night School and Picture Shows.

(By Associated Press.) Austin, Texas, March 6.—Four hundred out of the 503 convicts confined in the Huntsville penitentiary are attending night school, according to a report made by a committee from the legislature appointed to investigate the condition of the state's prisons. "The night school in this prison is doing splendid work, giving instructions to nearly four hundred convicts," says the report. "They are taught arithmetic, composition, reading, writing, spelling, etc."

"Parenthetically, we will say that this instruction is given without compensation, also that the attendance at these schools is not compulsory, but voluntary. The school is taught about three hours each night." The committee says the convicts also have Sunday school and preaching services, and each week have moving picture shows of sufficient variety and amusement to attract the prisoners.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH.

Rev. John E. Ross of Austin will preach at St. Joseph's church this evening at 7:45. All are cordially invited. J. B. GLEISSNER, Pastor.

REPLY FROM ATTY. GEN. WILL SETTLE MATTER

Whether American Ships Will Be Armed Depends On Whether Or Not the President Has the Power to Do it—The Attorney General's Opinion in the Matter Is Expected Shortly—Extra Session Before July 1st—At Once if Rules Amended.

PRESIDENT BIZZELL ISSUED STATEMENT

Again States His Views in Regard to New A. and M. College—Opposes Co-ordinate School.

President Bizzell of the Agricultural and Mechanical college gave out the following interview Sunday with reference to articles that have appeared in the principal daily papers on Friday, March 2, under an Austin date line that opposition has developed to a single administration for the Agricultural college at College Station, the branch Agricultural and Mechanical college to be located in West Texas, and the Junior branch Agricultural college located at Stephenville:

I have read with considerable interest and surprise the press reports concerning the administration and organization of the West Texas Agricultural and Mechanical college. It seems that the opposition has developed to be me personally because of the impression that I am not in sympathy with the establishment of the West Texas college.

One paper went so far as to state that I opposed the measure in the legislature, that I spoke against it and that I am now opposed to making the institution a first class college.

I have done everything I could to make my position clear, both to the legislature and the people of the State concerning this matter. For many years I have favored the establishment of four branch colleges to rank as junior colleges.

I have not favored the establishment of a co-ordinate Agricultural and Mechanical college.

Define Views Before Committee I defined my views with great care before the senate committee on education when the West Texas Agricultural and Mechanical college bill was under consideration. I stated that no State had duplicated its higher institutions of learning.

I expressed the opinion that I regarded such policy as unsound from a college administrative standpoint and I frankly state that I am still of that opinion, but the legislature and the governor did not share my views and a co-ordinate Agricultural college has been established as a branch of this institution.

As soon as the bill received the approval of the governor I addressed a letter to the president of the board of directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical college calling his attention to the passage of the bill and told him that while I had not agreed in detail with the measure, that in my judgment since it had been passed it was the duty of the governing authorities of this college to carry out the law in perfectly good faith and to build in West Texas a college of equal rank with the present institution at College Station.

While the board of directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical college who have been delegated to administer

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Washington, March 6. — President Wilson, it is reliably stated, will do everything possible to find a way to arm American ships and protect them in other ways from submarine danger, despite the senate's failure to empower him. Attorney General Gregory is expected shortly to advise the President whether he can legally arm ships.

An extra session of Congress before July 1st, to pass appropriations if for no other purpose, seems certain. If the senate amends its rules so prompt action can be taken on armed neutrality bill, the extra session of Congress may be expected within two or three weeks. The government has received messages from all parts of the country bitterly criticizing the senators who thwarted action on the armed neutrality bill.

PORTO RICO WILL SUPPORT UNCLE SAM

House of Delegates Promises Support in Whatever Crisis May Develop From Entanglements.

(By Associated Press.) San Juan, P. I., March 6.—Porto Rico will support the United States in whatever crisis may develop, according to a resolution just passed by the house of delegates, the elective branch of the insular legislature.

MARTIN WILL BE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

(By Associated Press.) Washington, March 6.—Senator Martin of Virginia, has been selected majority leader of the senate by the Democratic caucus.

TWO U. S. SENATORS TRIED TO EXPLAIN

(By Associated Press.) Washington, March 6.—Senators Vardaman of Mississippi and Keegan of Iowa, two of the twelve senators who did not sign the senate manifesto favoring armed neutrality, explained to the senate today that they had not been in a conspiracy to prevent action on the bill. Senator Williams replied, saying regardless of their motives, they and not Congress were responsible.